

07 January
2024

The Epiphany
of the Lord

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to rise up because the light (God) has come and they will praise the Lord with overflowing hearts. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear that the mystery which was not revealed to other generations has been made known and that all are co-heirs and co-partners in the work and promises of Christ. Today's Gospel is the account of the Magi who journey far as they seek out the long-awaited Christ, encountering King Herod in Jerusalem along the way, and then finding the child Jesus in Bethlehem. Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person's journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life.



Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.

Parish Sacraments

Marriage: Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: 3:00 to 3:45 PM each Saturday.

Eucharist: Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Each Friday from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.



Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Larry Rymes
Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish



PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools



The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend Masses. Weekday Masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.



OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON

Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were **originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake**. The cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 42. 1-4, 6-7; Mark 1. 7-11
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1. 9-20; Mark 1. 21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3. 1-10, 19-20
Thursday	1 Samuel 4. 1c-11; Mark 1. 40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8. 4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2. 1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9. 1-4, 17-19; 10. 1a; Mark 2. 13-17
Sunday	1 Samuel 3. 3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6. 13c-15a, 17-20; John 1. 35-42

Fourth Sunday of Advent — 24 DEC

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$5,664.10	\$490.00

Christmas Collection 24 & 25 DEC

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Christmas</u>
\$1,277.00	\$622.00	\$6,243.35

Feast of the Holy Family — 31 DEC

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$2,655.60	\$922.00

Pre-Authorized Bank Donations DEC

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$6,785.00	\$3,035.00	\$471.00
Christmas \$1,760.00		

Website Donations December

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Roof</u>
\$3,634.20	\$165.00	\$2,525.97

ROOF CAMPAIGN REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance **\$209,419.99**

Second Collection—Sunday, 24 December

Roof Loose \$ 381.30
37 Receipted Donations \$ 1,607.25

Second Collection—Sunday, 25 December

Roof Loose \$ 617.50
20 Receipted Donations \$ 699.00

Second Collection—Sunday, 31 December

Roof Loose \$ 498.25
36 Receipted Donations \$ 1,566.70

December 50/50 Draw Profit \$ 493.17

Investment Shares Donation \$ 1,945.23

Orchard Gift Card Sales

16 Cards X \$5.00 Profit \$ 80.00
Total Profit to 31 December \$ 5,423.00

New Roof Campaign Balance \$220,305.36

UPCOMING MASSES

Tuesday, January 9 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM

Florence Ricci - Doreen Quevillon
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Wednesday, January 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time 12:05 PM

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Jean Lukasik - Suzanne Lukasik
Intention of Mary Lou Smith - Robert and Judy

Thursday, January 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time - 12:05 PM

Colleen Klein - Mary Lou Smith
Intention of Elizabeth Wagner - Mark and Janet Poudrier

Friday, January 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys - 12:05 PM

Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Intention of Ray and Marlene Walter - Celine Mayer
Intention of Suzanne Wishak - Richard Levesque

Saturday, January 13 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4:00 PM

Oscar Paquette - Philip Paquette
Anne Baechler - Jessica Costa
Annie Boutilier - Art and Lisa Henry

Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Annie and Adam Birch - Wilda and Susan Birch
Moe Charron - Ray Laplante

11:00 AM Int. of the Pro-Cathedral Parishioners - Fr. Larry Rymes

What's Happening at the Cathedral This Week

Monday to Sunday, 08 – 14 January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Hall	North Bay Right to Life Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM	Church	Choir Practice
Saturday	9:25 AM	Atrium & Hall	Level I, II, III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thank you to The Catholic Leadership Team of St. Alexander's School for their donation to the Catholic Charities Food Bank at Christmas time.

Thank you to those who donate on a regular basis on the last Sunday of the month. Our services are needed as we truly serve those who do not qualify for donations elsewhere.

Thank you for your generosity—next collection will be taken on the last weekend of January.

Parish envelopes are now in the church for 2024. Please do not use any of these envelopes until the New Year. Why not consider signing up for pre-authorized donations through your bank account or by using your credit card—it helps the parish have a consistent, reliable offering even when you are away.

Share the hope you have with the people you love.



Alpha creates a space for you to...

invite someone in your life, whether a friend, family member, or colleague to ask questions and explore the hope of Jesus, maybe for the first time.

Each session includes a free meal; short video; and meaningful conversation with new friends.

We're running Alpha!

Starts: Tuesday January 16
 Location: Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
 Time: 6pm to 8pm
 Registration: <https://AlphaNorthBay.com> (or scan QR Code)



Who will you invite to try Alpha?



\$25 Twiggs and Orchard Gift Cards

Cards will be available at the Parish Office after January 10 and at Masses on the last weekend of the month—January 27 & 28



+ MEMORIAL FUND



The following names have been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

FRANCES AGIUS

The Memorial Fund provides an opportunity to make a contribution in memory of a loved one. A monthly, perpetual Mass is celebrated in their memory and their name is added to the Memorial Fund "Book of Life".



Winner of the DEC 2023 Draw of \$493.17 is PEARL WHYTE (Ticket #C-1350) congratulations!

Raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay, Ontario under License #RAF1355768. Each draw is generated by computer and the winner is chosen randomly. Rafflebox is a government regulated raffle provider.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!



New to the Pro-Cathedral?

Please Register so we can get to know you better!
 Email: office@procathedral.ca

Pope Francis January Prayer Intention

For the gift of diversity in the Church. "Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church."



The celebration of First Reconciliation will be held in March 2024 & First Eucharist will be held in June 2024.

Please pre-register your child now. Preparation Dates as well as the on-line registration form can be found on our website under SACRAMENTS under both Eucharist and Reconciliation.

The forms have the option to register for one or both of the sacraments and once completed, they can be emailed to: office@procathedral.ca

Children who have already celebrated Baptism are invited to participate in Reconciliation and Children who have received Baptism & First Reconciliation can register for First Eucharist.

Register soon and book the following dates for First Reconciliation



Preparation takes place in Parish Hall:

Welcome & Tour	Sunday, 21 January	10:00 AM
Preparation #1	Wednesday, 31 January	6:15 PM
Preparation #2	Wednesday, 21 February	6:15 PM
Preparation #3	Sunday, 03 March	10:00 AM
CELEBRATION	TUESDAY, 05 MARCH	6:15 PM

2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference



Calling all youth aged 13-19! The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will once again host the 2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference!

The event will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. See all the details at our new website: www.northerncatholic.ca

This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and presentations from our Keynote Speaker, David Patterson. David has led the way in youth ministry, high school chaplaincy and most recently through social media by founding Yes Catholic, an organization that calls young people to the Catholic faith by sharing real life stories that have the power to change hearts.

Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this conference. This day will build up faith and personal gifts and talents to form young Catholic leaders in our communities. Registration opens January 2, 2024.

Catholic Community of Volunteers are in the hospital

The availability of the Eucharist to patients is on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays.



Those who identify as a member of the Catholic Community and wish to receive Eucharist must authorize the visitation as volunteers *do not have access to patient lists to determine what patients are Catholic.*

If someone is not already on the visitation list, they or a family member can contact Deacon Rick Hamelin at 705-476-8115 or Hospital Chaplain Services at 705-491-0318 to arrange to receive the Eucharist.

The Good Samaritan Corner

The True Self Debwewendizwin offers workshops. In this new year, you may want to take a new course or two that they offer including Defining Domestic Violence, Women's Wellness Workshops, Great Attitude ...Great Future, Lateral Violence, Walking the Medicine Wheel, and Healing Through Forgiveness. Course information and registration can be found at <https://www.trueself.ca/community-workshops>. For more information, please call True Self Debwewendizwin at 705-474-4058.



Trinity United Church serves approximately 50 people per week as part of their outreach program. They are currently looking for a lady's double or triple large coat. If you are able to provide help, please contact Trinity United at 705-474-3310 or at trinitynorthbay@gmail.com.

On behalf of the members of the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay, we wish you all a warm and safe New Year!

NEXT DRAW DATE 01 FEBRUARY

OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

50/50 RAFFLE

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral
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Coming to Stillness: An Invitation to Face Sacred Moments: Is your life too hectic? Out of balance? Do you need renewed energy for your inner life? Why not try a contemplative prayer experience on ZOOM sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa Joanisse. Each guided contemplative prayer will include restful music, inspiring meditation material silent moments for personal reflection and optional sharing. Each of the six sessions will be held on the third Monday of the month beginning January 15, 2024 and last one hour. You may register for all six sessions or any individual session. If you register for an individual session, do so by the Tuesday before the session. Register by email at shalomssm@shaw.ca, on our website at www.shalomplace.ca or by phone at (705) 254-4690. Your financial gift (whatever you can afford) allows the ministry of Shalom Place to thrive and grow. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Young Adults North Bay: January 19 at 7 PM—Holy Name. Faith Study, Talk, & Prayer Time to deepen our faith and strengthen our spiritual connection together; dinner & fellowship to build connections and an iconography workshop guided by skilled instructors, you'll have the opportunity to create a beautiful icon. Just bring your eagerness to learn and express. Come for the faith, stay for the fellowship, and leave with a piece of art that reflects your spiritual journey. Spread the word and invite your friends!

Shalom Place offers - Drawing Closer to Jesus - A ZOOM Retreat with Janet Norman. Would you like to hear again some stories of Jesus? Would a reminder of His compassion be helpful? Would some familiar stories help you draw closer to Jesus? If so, then attend this ZOOM retreat, in the comfort of your own home. Prayer, scripture, stories, reflection, questions, small groups will help us hear in a new way some timeless stories that draw us closer to Jesus. Friday January 26, 7-8 pm; Saturday January 27, 9:30-10:30 am and 1:30-2:30 pm. Register by January 24. Email: shalomssm@shaw.ca; Phone: 705-254-4690. Visit website: www.shalomplace.ca Cost: Your gift allows the ministry of Shalom Place to continue.

Holy Name Ring the Bell Raffle Lottery – Win \$25,000: All proceeds to bell tower restoration. Main Prize Draw of \$25,000 on Easter Sunday 2024. Early Bird Draw of \$1,000 this coming New Year's Eve. Tickets are \$20 available at Holy Name or call 495-1501. Must be 18+ to purchase a ticket. Lottery License M853216.

CLAY is a fun, faith-filled youth group led by parent volunteers, for grades JK-grade 5. Join us Thursdays 6:30- 8pm at St. Joseph's Parish, Powassan. Contact Jessica Shepherd 497-6219 for info.

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Food, fellowship and faith January 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 AM at St. Peter's. For more information or to register visit: tmiynorthbay.ca